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Two small statuettes have been stolen from the Oriental collection of the Cleveland Museum of Art.

The sculptures -- a silver standing Buddha, dated 7th century and measuring 7-5/16 inches high, and a bronze figure of Bodhisattva Padamapani, dated from the 8th to 9th century and measuring 6-1/8 inches high -- were discovered missing from their installation in the Oriental galleries shortly after the Museum opened today (July 7) at 10 a.m.

Value of the stolen objects has been estimated by a Museum spokesman at about $25,000.

The theft is under investigation by the Cleveland Police. Anyone having information regarding the theft is requested to contact the Burglary and Robbery Units of the Cleveland Police.

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